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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, instances good, best for retail ads and fast food. In the parts structure, breast items were tight to adequate and continued to have strong movement, and wings were usually sufficient with mixed interest. Dark meat items were balanced and moving, particularly thighs & thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/14-08/18/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	45.00-46.00	45.74	17	51.58	32
Chicago	43.00-48.00	47.22	44	49.20	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.31	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.55	11
Denver	64.50	64.44	17	62.96	23
Detroit	44.00-45.00	46.89	18	49.78	39
Los Angeles	65.00	63.90	56	61.59	130
New York	43.00-47.00	45.04	45	46.76	64
Philadelphia	43.00-46.00	44.00	6	48.50	10
Pittsburgh	48.00-49.00	48.50	12	51.55	48
St. Louis	46.50-46.75	46.08	19	48.11	41
San Francisco	65.50	64.20	30	66.12	59

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/14/00	Change/Last Wk	08/07/00	08/16/99
558	53.50	-2.14	55.64	59.32

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	50.00-56.00	55.41	37
Central	51.00-55.50	53.45	63
West	48.00-67.25	59.09	60

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.50-61.00	60.24	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	
1,202	43.00-62.25	58.53
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	4,440
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00	725
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	9,390
WINGS	55.00	3,080

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good at times. Offerings of all sizes were usually adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were usually tight commanded premiums where available. Boneless-skinless breasts were usually adequate, and the balance of items were usually more than sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for features and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to show strength with availability limited to short. Wings and dark meat were close balanced to adequate and moving well, especially thighs, thigh meat and leg quarters for export. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings adequate overall. Buyer interest was just fair. Retail demand moderate, best to cover planned features. Dealers reported fair to satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California: leg quarters 22.5-25 bulk and 25-26 bagged 4/10s, bone-in breasts 71-76 and boneless breasts 140-145. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 1.11 to 48.65 and the volume reported was at 21 loads down 9 percent from last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER The final majority prices into Chicago for this week's delivery were unchanged, Detroit and St. Louis unchanged to slightly higher with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final majority. Trade sentiment on Wogs/whole birds steady. Offerings of additional product were light, but adequate for trade needs. Movement into all channels was light to fair with fast food accounts providing best interest. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts trading was moderate overall; supplies adequate with tenders tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts and tenders, steady on balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fairly good through the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared for fill-in needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were generally noted as in short supply. Boneless skinless breasts were in fairly good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Whole and boneless thighs were clearing well. Other cuts were adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	40-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.11
NO. OF BOXES	9,886

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest generally light to fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed most immediate needs. Supplies of bone-in breasts remained tight; wide spread retail feature activity appeared to be a major factor limiting product availability. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts about adequate; the balance of items generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels fair to moderate. The market tone fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	149.07	498,400
TENDERLOINS	180	194.72	201,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	70.23	249,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	69.48	168,400
LEGS	33-34	33.66	421,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	22.42	556,910
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.32	141,990
THIGHS	22-23	31.87	158,010
B/S THIGHS	70-71	76.39	57,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.09	333,270
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	96,390
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.62	63,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.99	104,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,080	120.00-138.00	130-135	130.52
TENDERLOINS	114	196.00-217.00	196-203	202.85
BREAST - WITH RIBS	200	61.00-83.00	63-67	67.40
FRONT HALVES	560	50.00-63.00	50-55	52.50
LEGS		NO TRADING-REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		NO TRADING-REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	21.00-22.00	22	21.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	192	45.00-55.00	49	49.17
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING-REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,095	20.00-23.00	20	20.04

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/14	08/10	08/10	08/07	08/03
ALA	3,922	3,844	4.90	3,896	4.93
ARK	5,220	5,196	4.68	5,259	4.80
DELMARVA	2,402	2,361	4.94	2,405	5.00
KY-LA-TN	2,119	2,116	4.29	2,053	4.39
MISS	2,849	2,814	4.97	2,877	4.98
NC	2,613	2,596	5.73	2,512	5.73
TEXAS	2,320	2,225	4.53	2,244	4.62
TOTAL	21,445	21,152	4.86	21,246	4.93
MON	21,445 (A)			21,246 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Aug 2000 is estimated to be 32,084,000 up 0.63 percent from a week ago and up 59.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,882,000, last year 20,064,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	639	145.00-193.00	145-150	150.04
TENDERLOINS	261	193.00-235.00	195-200	200.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	186	62.00-66.00	62-64	64.28
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	18.00-21.00	18.5-19.5	18.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,306	21.00-23.00	22	22.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	251	52.00-65.00	57-59	61.81
WINGS (CUT)	459	62.00-87.00	64-66	70.03
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 14, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	38.00 - 42.50	39.91	39.23

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08/14-08/18/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 160.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 74.00	68.00 - 71.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.50 - 25.00	20.00 - 22.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	21.00 - 29.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	47.00 - 56.00	50.00 - 52.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	77-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	73
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 11-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.20		17.00	18.00

560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-16.00	17.50	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.79	17.50		16.55

760,000 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	15.50	12.25-15.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.01	15.50	13.00	14.00

1,924,000 pounds, this includes 564,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, generally no better than fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9.5	4-5.75	5.36

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 11-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	20.00	12.75-15.00	14.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	20.00	13.82	14.75

323,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	16.00-17.50	11.00-14.00	12.50-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.33	16.30	11.99	13.59

3,808,800 pounds, this includes 448,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were normal. The market tone was about steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9.75	2-6	4.83

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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